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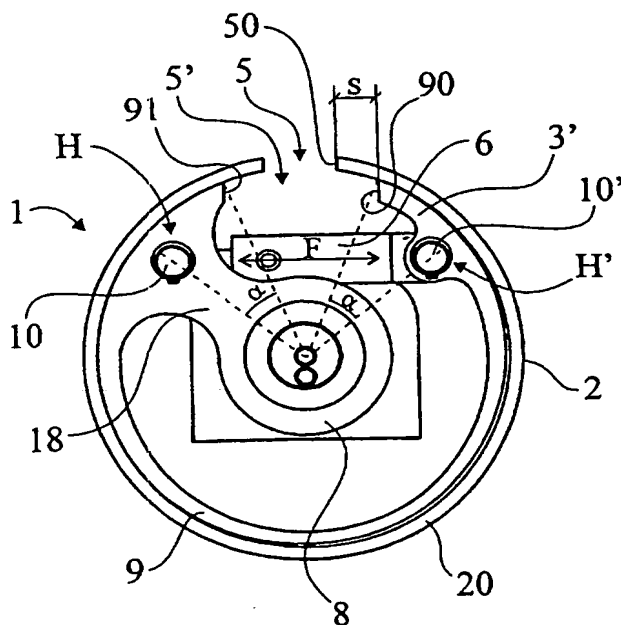
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(57) Abstract: A reel (1) for winding or unwinding
reelable, strip-shaped objects such as steel strips,
comprising a support surface (2) that extends in the main
as a cylinder, a hub (8) arranged to rotate about an axis
(4) in order to allow rotation of the support surface (2)
about said axis (4), an adjusting device (60) arranged to
cooperate with the support surface (2) in order thereby
to vary the diameter (D1) of the support surface wherein
the support surface (2) is arranged at a flexible element
consisting of a continuous circumferential piece and that
the adjusting device (60) is arranged to affect said support
surface (2) to alter its shape, whereby the diameter (D)
of the support surface can be varied.

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